

September PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Location: Peter Greer Elementary Library

Attendees: Danielle Lamb (president), Taylor Conlin (vice-president); Heather Medynski and Penny Liao-Lussier (treasurers), Stefanie Schumer (secretary), James Minkus (principal), Russ Bischoff (vice principal), Erin Talbot (member at large/social media co-ordinator), Darci Vickery, Emily Buss (hot lunch coordinator), Caitlin Harper (yearbook), Shannon (member at large), Kristi Catton (parent/teacher), Louise Couillard (teacher rep), Stephanie Taylor (parent), Sarah Lannin (parent), Veronica Hudj (parent), Josh (parent), Justine D'Amico (parent)

1. Land acknowledgement (Danielle Lamb)
2. Adoption of agenda: Motion: Erin, Taylor
3. Adoption of Minutes from June 14th, 2022. Motion: Stephanie L., Kate
4. Thank you to 2021-22 PAC Team (Danielle)
5. Introductions - members shared their reasons for joining and their goals for the PAC this year. Answers included:
 - to make sure our PAC is connected to the community
 - to contribute to the school
 - to help the school to thrive
 - wanting to get more involved in PGE
 - to see more composting/cut down on waste from hot lunches
6. President' report (Danielle)
 - b. The new fridge has been purchased (\$2092.95). Receipt was submitted to AITC Fridge Grant in the amount of \$1000.
 - c. Exploring Music with Musically Inclined was approved at June 2022 PAC meeting, and lessons will begin in Fall 2022 (funds will come from fundraising account).
 - e. Teacher's Day (Oct. 5, 2022) - it was decided to call this day Educator Appreciation Day, in order to include EAs and administrative staff.
Discussion.
Suggested budget is \$200. Motion: Stefanie S., Emily Buss

f. Kindergarten t-shirts - Order for kindergarten students (approx. \$1000).
Motion: Kristi, Erin

7. Treasurer's report (Heather and Penny)

Gaming Funds: \$8,035.57

General: \$4,146.34

8. Other Reports

a. COPAC (vacant, with Penny standing in for September)

COPAC meeting was held September 12, 2022.

Student and Family Affordability fund: used to support food security for families impacted by hardship, especially due to the pandemic. One time funding has to be spent by the end of the school year. COPAC president has reached out to all PAC committees to ask for feedback to ask how we can extend the reach of this funding.

Enrollment district-wide has increased significantly.

129 portables on school sites, which is of concern. Schools cannot continue to pay for these portables. This needs to be looked at.

Provincial bargaining for teachers continues. They are feeling hopeful because there has been some successful bargaining.

b. Fun Lunch (Emily)

We have switched programs to MunchaLunch. Emily has been training and setting it up over summer. It's being launched this Friday, Sept. 16th.

Orders will need to be placed the 1-7th of every month.

c. Fruit and veggie program – postponed to next meeting

d. Yearbook (Caitlin) – We had to rehire Artona (we weren't able to find someone else). He has heard our concerns/criticisms from last year and is working to rectify them.

i. Fundraising

i. Art cards (Stephanie L.) – Begins in October. Orders need to be placed by Nov. 6th.

ii. Colibri (Darci) – Will take place Oct. 11-24th.

Motion to move the remaining items to October meeting: Erin, Taylor

9. Principal/Vice-Principal Reports (James and Russ)

PGE had 19 new registrations over summer, but lost 26. Net loss is 7. We have 370 students this year (15 lower than projected). French immersion enrollment has been declining for 3 years. This is of concern for middle school French immersion in Lake Country as well. Enrollment patterns are similar for Davidson and Oyama. Justine (New Beginnings) suggested that getting information about FI to preschool parents might help to boost enrolment. Improving access to bus transportation was also suggested. TBD further next meeting.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are working on the Harvest Social.

10. New Business

a-d. Tabled

e. Compost presented by Stephanie L. – will be continuing this year. Motion: Kristi, Darci

f. Tabled

g. Harvest Social Budget of \$1400, given inflation over the past few years.

Motion to approve budget: Taylor, Erin

Social Harvest Discussion

Motion to adjourn: Darci, Kristi

Next meeting – October 11, 2022 6:30 pm

